Work orders for Hindustan Cables Ltd.

1558. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to persuade the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology to release some orders to Hindustan Cables Ltd., Hyderabad for manufacturing cables etc. and to expedite the implementation of new projects as per proposed diversification plans with the help of IIT, Kharagpur, as a long term solution for sustainability of Hindustan Cables Ltd.;

(b) if so, whether Government would assure of expediting a favourable decision in this regard for a short term and long term sustainability; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested the Government to release some orders for supply of material on M/s. Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL) so that operations of the company could be started. Department of Telecom placed orders for the supply of 10 LCKM of PIJF cables on HCL alongwith 50% advance amount but M/s. HCL could not supply the cables as per their acceptance and commitment for *inter-alia* want of working capital. Department of Telecommunication have expressed their inability to place further orders for PIJF cables on HCL. Based on the three reports on HCL, *viz.*, Draft Rehabilitation Scheme (DRS) by SBI, report of IIT Kharagpur and report by Tata Consultancy Service (TCS), a proposal on the future of HCL has been placed before the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) for their recommendations in the matter.

Surplus revenue with the Heavy Industries

†1559. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.